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SUBJECT: PROPAGANDIST'S REMARKS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. Leningrad PROPAGANDIST G. P. MOISEYENKO, LECTURE CIRCUIT "EXPERT" ON MIDDLE EAST, EMPHASIZED NEW DANGERS IN AREA DURING JANUARY 22 PRESENTATION. HE CHARGED THAT POLICIES OF ISRAEL AND U.S. HAVE RECENTLY SHARPENED CONFLICTS AND PROBLEMS IN MIDDLE EAST AND SAID THAT THEY ARE ONLY TWO COUNTRIES POSING MAIN OBSTACLE TO FIRM PEACE IN AREA. COMMENTING ON SITUATION IN LEBANON, PROPAGANDIST CHARGED THAT THERE ARE FORCES SEEKING TO USE SITUATION AS MEANS OF DELIVERING FIRM BLOW TO PALESTINIAN LIBERATION FORCES, AND HE SPECIFICALLY CHARGED THAT UNITED STATES WAS BEHIND THIS. REGARDING SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, PROPAGANDIST VOICED HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT BUT SAID THERE SEVERE DIFFERENCES OVER SOVIET SUPPLY OF ARMAMENTS AND POSTPONEMENT OF EGYPTIAN DEBT REPAYMENTS TO USSR. END SUMMARY.

2. Leningrad ZNANIYE (KNOWLEDGE) SOCIETY PROPAGANDIST G. P. MOISEYENKO, WHO SPEAKS REGULARLY ON THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUNDED
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HARsher THAN USUAL DURING A JANUARY 22 EVENING PRESENTATION ON

THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE AREA. MOISEYENKO CALLED THE AREA ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD. HE BRIEFLY NOTED TENDENCY TOWARD REGULARIZATION OF AREA, PRAISED UNITED NATIONS ACTION IN EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM, AND CLAIMED THAT SOVIET PROGRAM OF REGULARIZATION WAS SUPPORTED BY MOST STATES. SOVIET PROGRAM WAS DEFINED AS (A) FULL LIBERATION OF ALL ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORY; (B) RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE ON TERRITORY OF PALESTINE; AND (C) CREATION OF SYSTEM TO INSURE SECURITY OF ALL STATES IN AREA, INCLUDING STATE OF ISRAEL.

3. BULK OF MOISEYENKO'S REMARKS, HOWEVER, CONCERNED EXACERBATION OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION " IN RECENT MONTHS." FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HIS POINTS IN THE DEBIT COLUMN FO THE SOVIET LEDGER.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, CONFLICTS AND PROBLEMS IN MIDDLE EAST HAVE SHARPENED RECENTLY DUE TO POLICIES OF ISRAEL AND UNITED STATES. THESE TWO STATES ARE MAIN OBSTACLE TO FIRM PEACE IN AREA AND THEIR BASIC OPPOSITION REMAINS DESPITE "SOME MANEUVERING" IN RECENT MONTHS. ISRAELIS KNOW THAT SOONER OR LATER THEY MUST GIVE UP OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND HAVE ADOPTED STRATEGY OF USING THIS FACT TO GAIN MAXIMUM BENEFIT FOR ISRAEL, INCLUDING THE "SALE" OF OCCUPIED LAND FOR ARAB CONCESSIONS WHILE AVOIDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH PALESTINIANS. THE ISRAELI POLICY COINCIDES WITH THAT OF ANOTHER STATE, NAMELY THE UNITED STATES. ON THE ONE HAND, THIS IS BECAUSE 1973 WAR EMPHASIZED THAT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION MADE AMERICA VULNERABLE (UYAZVIMA) IF MILITARY CONFLICT IN AREA LED TO CONFLICT BETWEEN US AND SOVIET UNION. ON OTHER HANDE, HOWEVER, US DEvised STEP BY STEP APPROACH IN ORDER TO GET SEPARATE AGREEMENTS RATHER THAN AREA WIDE REGULARIZATION, FREEZE SITUATION AND HELP ISRAEL CONTINUE OCCUPATION OF ARAB LAND, INCREASE US INFLUENCE IN AREA, AND CORRESPONDINGLY KEEP SOVIET UNION OUT OF AREA. THIS US POLICY IS DANGEROUS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES CAN BE SEEN IN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT. CONSEQUENCES MAY ALSO BE SEEN TODAY IN EVENTS IN LEBANON. THIS IS NOT JUST RELIGIOUS CONFLICT; THERE ARE POLITICAL AIMS IN THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STRUGGLE. THERE ARE FORCES SEEKING TO USE THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AS MEANS OF DELIVERING FIRM BLOW TO PALESTINIAN LIBERATION FORCES, ISOLATE LEBANESE FROM OTHER ARABS, AND AFFECT FUTURE OF LEBANON IN GENERAL. THE UNITED STATES IS BEHIND THOSE RIGHTISTS AND IMPERIALISTS WHO SEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS AS OPPORTUNITY TO DAMAGE NATIONAL LIBERATION FORCES.

5. EGYPT'S SADAT IS GRADUALLY LETTING CAPITALIST ELEMENTS TAKE OVER ECONOMY. NEW EGYPTIAN BOURGEOISIE ARE NATIONALISTS, LIKE SADAT HIMSELF, AND SADAT'S MOTIVE FOR CONCLUDING AGREEMENT WITH ISRAELIS MAY BE EXPLAINED BY FACT THAT FORIEGN CAPITALISTS AND EGYPTIAN BOURGTOEISIE WANT PEACE AS PROTECTION FOR THEIR MONEY. SOVIET POSITION TOWARD EGYPT SEEKS TO RESTORE NEW ARAB UNITED FRONT, BUT THIS IS

NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT EGYPT. USSR STRIVES TO SHOW SADAT
THAT AIMS OF ZIONISM AND IMPERIALISM REMAIN UNCHANGED. USSR WILL
CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH EGYPT, BUT TWO CURRENT
PROBLEMS CONCERN MILITARY AID AND POSTPONEMENT OF EGYPTIAN DEBT
REPAYMENTS TO SOVIET UNION. AFTER 1973, USSR PLACED ARMS SALES
TO EGYPT ON MORE OF COMMERCIAL BASIS AND EGYPTIANS WANT MORE THAN
THEY CAN BUY. THE RELATED PROBLEM CONCERNS POSTPONEMENT OF EGYPTIAN
DEBTS TO SOVIET UNION. EGYPT WANTS LONG POSTPONEMENT, BUT USSR DOES
NOT AGREE AND NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE. NEUBERT

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